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FINANCIAL CRISIS.

The President's Efforts to Maintain
the Gold Standard

MAY EVENTUATE IN A SILVER BASIS.

The Property of the Investing Classes
Having Been Depreciated to Such
an Extent as to Cause Wide-
spread Alarm.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A special from
Washington says:
The president's message on the
financial situation emphasizes the em-
barrassment surrounding the treasury
without suggesting practical means of
relief. If the design was to stampede
congress into passing a popular loan
bill the move will be a total failure.
Whatever the house may do as a political
play the senate can be relied upon
with absolute certainty to balk any and
all attempts to secure congressional
sanction for an increase in the bonded
gold to replenish the reserve.
And even the house refuses to be
lifted off its feet, for it calmly ad-
journed Saturday, after the reading of
the committee appointments, to give
the committee on ways and means
time to deliberate and agree upon a
report for submission to-day.

The president may as well abandon
any faint hope that may have crept
into his heart of help from congress in
time to extricate the treasury from its
present crisis. He will have to play a
lone hand for the maintenance of the
national credit, just as he did last Feb-
ruary and on two previous occasions,
when he sold bonds for gold. His dif-
ficulties are greater now, however,
than they have ever been before.

Careful officials and the best-posted
members of the senate and house con-
fessed to have grave apprehensions
that the country is drifting with in-
evitable certainty into a suspension of
gold payments. One of the very best
and most conservative men in
public life and one who has made na-
tional finances his life study expressed
himself as follows in the course of a
private conversation: "I see no escape
from a suspension of gold payments.
The country has not been in such im-
minent danger since resumption days."

The president has closed every avenue
from which help in a large way can
ordinarily be expected by a move which,
whether right or wrong, has depreciated
the property of the investing classes to
such an extent that they are thor-
oughly alarmed and disgusted. If
there was a genuine war excitement
the people might subscribe for \$100,
000,000, or \$200,000,000 in bonds. But
no such fever exists, and a popular
loan will, in any opinion, be a partial
or total failure. Anything less than
complete success would be regarded as
a failure. With congress refusing to
back him up, and all efforts of his own
to raise gold unavailing, the president
would suffer the humiliation of seeing
the country forced to a silver basis in
spite of himself.

This is not an alarmist view, but a
situation which must command the at-
tention of the best minds in and out of
congress.
"The silver element in the senate
welcomes the opportunity for forcing
the issue, and will hail with delight a
crisis that would put the treasury on a
silver basis. This is a singular condi-
tion, but it is stated with absolute cor-
rectness."

The British bark **WILLOWBANK**
Run Down at Sea by the Steamer Berlin
—One Man Lost.
PRINCETON, Dec. 22.—The British
cruiser Blake arrived here to-day from
Chatham. She reports that while off
Portland at 5 o'clock this morning she
passed a large steamer named Berlin,
which signalled that two of her boats
had been searching for the bark for the
British bark Willowbank, bound
for Glasgow, with which vessel the
Berlin had been in collision. No trace
of her could be found.

The Blake afterward saw an empty
boat belonging to the Willowbank.
The Berlin had a hole in her bow.
She proceeded up the channel.
Those on the Blake could not see
whether or not the Berlin was the
steamer that was belonging to the
International Navigation Co. This
steamer sailed from Antwerp for New
York yesterday, and was reported to
have passed Dover to-day.

Later—All But One of the Willowbank's
Crew Saved.
It is known that the vessel that was
in collision with the Willowbank was
the International Co's steamer Berlin.
She passed Hurst Castle this afternoon,
bound for this port. She had sails over
her bows, evidently for the purpose of
keeping the water from entering the
hole forward. She was hove to inside
the Needles and this accounts for her
delay in entering the Solent. A pilot
and two tugs have left here to assist
her in.

The Willowbank had a crew of 35
men. They were all saved by the
Berlin, which must have found them
afloat after speaking the Blake. The
only life lost was that of the pilot of
the bark who went below to get his
clothes. The vessel went down before
he again had time to reach the deck.

THE SPREE AGAIN AFLOAT.
Making no Water and Apparently Un-
injured by Her Stranding.
SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 23.—The North
German Lloyd steamer Spree, which
stranded on Thursday last on Warden
ledge, near Totland bay, Isle of Wight,
was got off at 1:30 yesterday after-
noon. She arrived here at 3:40 o'clock
under her own steam, but assisted by
tugs. She is making no water, and
has apparently sustained no damage.
She will go on the drydock to-day for
examination. She is already reship-
ping her boats and gear, which were
removed in order to lighten her.

C. R. BAILEY, of Clinton, Iowa, will
open a dry goods store in Paxton.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—There was
nothing of a directly warlike char-
acter in the senate discussion to-day; but
there were several very significant
financial propositions and declarations.
The first of these was a resolution of-
fered by Mr. Vest, directing the secre-
tary of the treasury to coin the silver
bullion in the treasury into standard
silver dollars and to pay with them the
direct taxes issued under the act of July
14, 1890, in purchase of the bullion; also
to pay the greenbacks in standard sil-
ver dollars or in gold, using whichever
may be most abundant or convenient.

Mr. Vest wished to have his resolu-
tion immediately considered, but ob-
jection was made by Mr. Platt (rep.,
Conn.), and the resolution went over
for the day.

A like fate attended a somewhat
similar resolution offered by the new
populist senator from North Carolina,
Mr. Butler, directing the payment of the
interest and principal of the govern-
ment's coin obligation in gold or
silver as long as the two metals are on a
parity, and in silver when that
metal is below parity with gold.

The president's financial message of
yesterday was denounced by Senators
Stewart (pop., Nev.) and Dubois (rep.,
Idaho). That message, in Mr. Ste-
wart's opinion, proved that the president
was financially in accordance with
the president's recommendation, and
that all that the message had done
was to precipitate a tariff discussion.
Nobody, he said, wanted to have bonds
issued, and nobody wanted to have
greenbacks retired. He expressed his
belief that the Vest resolution would
be agreed to on the new legislative
day if it were not pre-
ceded by the action of the president's
friends.

No action was taken on the presi-
dent's message, which remains on the
vice-president's table.
A greeting of the federal senate of
Brazil to the United States senate on
the "worthy message of President
Cleveland, which strenuously guards
the dignity, sovereignty and freedom
of the American nations," was com-
municated from the state department
and was read and referred to the com-
mittee on foreign relations.

The fortifications bill heretofore in-
troduced by Mr. S. Sine (rep., Wis.) was
introduced with an emergency clause
making the appropriation, \$87,000,000,
immediately available if so ordered by
the president. This clause, he said,
was desirable "in view of changed
conditions."

The holiday recess resolution having
failed between the two houses, the
senate, at 1:45 p. m., adjourned until
Tuesday next.

HOUSE.
Speaker Reed cleared the way to-day
for action by the house of representa-
tives by announcing the list of com-
mittees for this congress. There were
several surprises occasioned by the
reading of the list, but generally the
assignments made had been discom-
fited by current rumors. There was gen-
eral satisfaction with the work of the
speaker, and he was commended on all
sides for the fairness and ability as
well as the consideration for public in-
terests displayed in discharging the
arduous and delicate task.

The message of the president urging
congressional action to relieve the pre-
sident's financial distress was read and
referred to the committee on ways and
means, as was also the resolution pro-
viding for a holiday recess. It was
stated by the leaders of the house that
it was probable the president's recom-
mendation would be followed and no
holiday recess taken.

Mr. Hatcher (dem., Ala.) and Clark (dem.,
Ala.) and Hutchison, (dem., Tex.) ap-
peared on the floor for the first time
this session and were sworn in by the
speaker.

The house then at 1:35 o'clock ad-
journed until Monday.

FIENDISH MURDER
Of an Old Woman Who was Known to
Many in Her House.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 22.—Last
evening the murdered body of Mrs.
Hester Curtis was discovered at her
home in this city. Her skull had been
crushed with an ax, and the walls and
floor of the apartment were splattered
with blood. With fiendish coolness
the perpetrators of the horrible deed
placed the corpse upright in a chair
arranging the limbs in an attitude of
sleep. She was known to keep money
in the house, which is presumed to
have been the motive of the crime.
Mrs. Curtis was 64 years of age.
There is no clew to the murderers.

OBEYED HIS ORDERS

And Massacred the Armenians in Zeitoun.
LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Telegraph
will to-morrow publish a dispatch from
Vienna saying that it is reported there
that Mustafa Pasha, commanding a
Turkish force, has captured the town of
Zeitoun, which was some time ago
taken by insurgent Armenians and that
he has massacred all the Armenians
in the place who did not make
their escape to the mountains.

Done to Prevent the Menace of War.
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Globe says:
"The financial kings of the Old World
are firmly resolved that such a horror
as war shall not occur, and they will
not hesitate to employ any means to
prevent it. Our great banks are insist-
ing upon the immediate repayment of
advances made to American houses, at
the same time intimating that they
will suspend financial accommodation
so long as the menace of an American
commission to locate the boundary
of British Guiana hangs in the air."

There is some talk of a new hotel at
Lincoln.

NO HOLIDAY RECESS.

For the First Time Since the Win-
ter of 1892-3

THE EXIGENCIES OF THE SITUATION

Will Keep Congress in Session During
the Christmas Festivities—How the
Republican House Proposes
to Relieve the Strain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—For the first
time since the short session of the
forty-seventh congress in the winter of
1892-3, congress will enter holiday week
to-day with the intention of sitting
through the season usually devoted to
recess. The occasion for this unusual
zeal and devotion to public interests
was President Cleveland's message on
Friday last, which asked the congress
not to take its usual respite from labor
at this season of the year, but to re-
main and provide the necessary legis-
lation to relieve the financial situation
of the government.

The house will enter upon this work
probably to-day, through its commit-
tees announced on Saturday. The
ways and means committee will meet
at 11 o'clock and proceed as rapidly as
may be with the consideration and
preparation of a bill or bills to meet
the condition which confronts them.

The measure of relief which it is ex-
pected the committee will propose will
include either in one bill or several, as
may be deemed most expedient, brief
amendments to the tariff law, not in-
volving general tariff revision, such
amendments to expire at the end of
30 months, authority to the secre-
tary of the treasury to issue a
three per cent. bond as a popular loan,
to maintain the gold reserve and for
no other purpose, with a proviso that
the redeemed greenbacks shall not be
used to meet current expenses, but be
retained as long as necessary as part
of the redemption fund; authority to
issue to national banks, circulating
notes up to par of the bonds deposited
as security therefor, and reduce the
tax on national bank circulation; and
authority for the issue of certificates
of indebtedness to meet temporary de-
ficiency in receipts until the revenue
can be provided. It is estimated that
these proposed financial changes will add
from \$70,000,000 to \$85,000,000 to the in-
come of the government.

Although there is some criticism of
this scheme from the republican side
of the committee, it is unlikely to man-
ifest itself in any other form, and the
proposition will receive the united sup-
port of the majority. One suggestion
was that the Reed substitute for the
issue of gold bonds, made in the last
congress when financial schemes were
being considered, should be reported
and passed.

While it is not probable that the
committee will be ready to report to
the house before Wednesday or Thurs-
day at the earliest, there will be no ad-
journment for more than a day or two
at a time, until the proposed relief
bill has been enacted. Should this
be accomplished this week the house
will probably then in full in three-
day recesses over the New Year holi-
day.

In the meantime, the committee on
banking and currency will be at work
on a bill to remodel the financial sys-
tem of the country, in the hope that it
will be ready for report to the house
when business shall be regularly re-
sumed in January.

Although the senate will be nomi-
nally in session this week, it is be-
lieved that there will be no time for a
quorum present. A financial debate
may be precipitated Tuesday if Mr.
Vest presses the resolution for which
he asked immediate consideration
Saturday. This resolution directs the
secretary of the treasury to coin the
silver bullion in the treasury and ap-
ply the silver dollars so coined to the
redemption of the treasury notes
issued in payment for the bullion
under the Sherman act. If the
senate should be in a humor to permit
the resolution to come to a vote it will
surely pass, for the silver men are in
the majority by at least 12, and possi-
bly 14 votes. The resolution of Mr.
Bettler (pop., N. C.), directing the sec-
retary of the treasury to meet the ob-
ligations of the government with sil-
ver whenever that money is of less
value than gold, is also on the table
and may be made the subject of a
speech at any time.

It is likely that the senate will meet
only at intervals, for as all legislation
relating to finance and the revenue
must originate in the house, until
the measure is sent over from the
house there will be little occasion for
the senate to remain in session.

Now that the holiday recess has
fallen through, the republicans may
urge the democrats to at once fill their
committee lists, but there is little
probability of this being done until the
New Year is inaugurated. Taken al-
together, the coming week in the sen-
ate promises to be unproductive, un-
less the unexpected happens.

WATER FAMINE ENDED.

Restrictions Removed and Water Trains
Taken off at Altoona, Pa.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 22.—The heavy
rains of yesterday and last night have
relieved the water famine which has
prevailed in this section for the past
two months. The Kittanning Point
reservoir, from which the city gets its
supply, showed a rise of 12 feet since
yesterday and the restriction on the
use of water has been removed. The
Pennsylvania railroad, which has suf-
fered most from the famine, and which
has been hauling water to the shops in
this city, to-day took all the water
trains off.

Five British Seamen Drowned.

MONTVIDEO, Dec. 23.—A boat be-
longing to the British war ship Acorn
was captured here, and five seamen
were drowned.

More is paid for poultry in Venona
than is paid for cattle or hogs.

OVERSTOCKED!

We bought very heavily for this fall's trade and,
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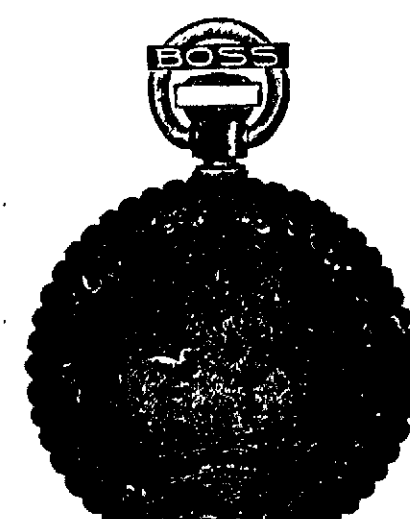
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MONDAY, DEC. 23, 1905.

As the course of England during the last fifty-five years, as to the boundary of her possessions in Venezuela, has shown that she does not know where the boundary is, she cannot complain if Uncle Sam undertakes to do a little surveying on his own hook at his own expense.

The contention of England that the Monroe doctrine cannot be invoked in a matter that belongs solely to international law, might be argued as well as in relation to the Declaration of Independence, and yet the people of the United States have invented a good deal in that document.

Those young Americans who are anxious to go to war in case the nation needs defenders will be disappointed if they expect war with England. That nation is in no condition to go to war with this country and it will not do it. It has too much at stake on this continent which would be exposed to attack in case of war and aside from this she has possessions in the seas that would be endangered as well as the good will of all the South and Central American states.

There may be some reasonable difference in our views as to what the Monroe doctrine was intended to embrace; but what of that? If President Monroe had the power to declare a doctrine 70 years ago for the protection of this government, we have the power now to declare a new doctrine or to construe the old one to suit the present conditions for the same purpose. We have as good a right to make our wishes supreme in this hemisphere as England or any other country has to say that no other nation shall wipe Turkey from the map of the world.

The excitement on the Stock Exchange in New York was caused by the action in London in relation to American securities just after the President's Venezuelan message. The threats in London to unload American securities was no doubt intended to modify the action of the United States Senate, but as it failed to have that effect, it is safe to predict that before the middle of the week things will have quieted down again. The holders of American securities abroad are not very likely to engage in anything that would result in loss to them until there are more prospects for war than now appear.

WILLIAM G. ROBINSON, the young man who first conceived the idea of preserving the lives of babies born prematurely by using the incubator, is dying in Washington City of consumption. In a little tinshop at 315 East Twenty-sixth street, New York, several years ago, the idea came to him that the incubator, which had relieved him of the horrors of a sedentary occupation, could be applied to infants. So he told doctors about it and made an incubator. A baby, who is now Joseph Grevo, was the first one to occupy it. One day there came a call from the residence of E. Clarence Haight, a millionaire, of 286 Madison avenue, New York. The mother was dead, and doctors had pronounced the child's living impossible. But Robinson's incubator worked a wonder. The baby survived. Since then the incubators on the Robinson plan have been put in all the great hospitals.

SPEAKER REED has at last finished the perplexing problem as to whom he should make chairman of the committee on appropriations by selecting Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois instead of Hon. D. B. Henderson of Iowa. Technically, perhaps Henderson was entitled to the place in view of the fact that Cannon was defeated in 1890 and thus skipped a term. But this was largely wiped out by the fact that Cannon served as chairman of that committee in the Fifty-third congress. There may be a bit of politics in this appointment. It was reported that Reed was promised the solid Illinois delegation if he would appoint Cannon, but the chances are Mr. Reed is too wise to suspect for one moment that one man can deliver the solid delegation to Mr. Reed or any other candidate unless they want to go that way and in that case it would not amount to a delivery. The appointment of Cannon will make him friendly to Reed and perhaps to some other political interests.

As about in the state at present we are trying to win Cannon's support by appealing to the speaker in Cannon's behalf. These things, however, are mere incidents that will be met as they come along. The appointment of Mr. Cannon is as good as one as could be made. He has made himself familiar, during his long term in congress, with the business end of the government and knows its wants, as well as an expert librarian knows the books on his shelves, and the people of Illinois will be pleased with the appointment.

Ex-Senator Edmunds' Views.
People generally have forgotten a speech made by Ex-Senator Edmunds early in November before the Union League Club of Philadelphia in which he referred to the President and the Secretary of State and that he would possibly do as to the Venezuelan matter under the Monroe doctrine. At the time the ex-senator had just come from Washington and it was said he had been called there by the President in a conference in relation to that matter. Edmunds is conceded to be a great



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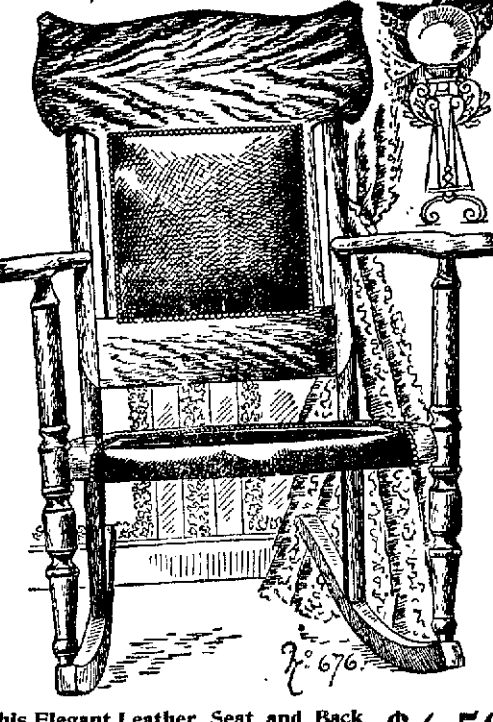
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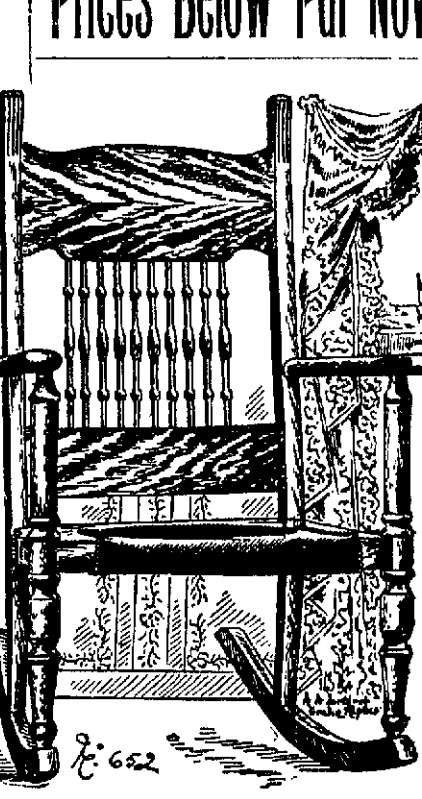
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statesman and very able in international matters. On that occasion he said:

I want to express my faith that the President will see to it that Venezuela is not unjustly squeezed. His Secretary of State comes from the stock that will not tolerate injustice, and I believe it will turn out, when all the facts are known, that President Cleveland in this connection will be found to have been as patriotic as any of us here for

The Monroe doctrine has stood from the start as a bulwark to those who thought of interference, and it has been used to great advantage. So far we have used it only in the sense of a protest or a warning, but it is not enough, the British have been slowly, steadily increasing their possessions. "The trouble with us and our foreign policy," continued Mr. Edmunds, "is that we stand still while our competitors are at work, not for military superiority, but for the supremacy which means the progress of mankind. Our mission should be to find outlets for our productions, and to do that we must find places to sell. I do not favor the annexation of other countries, but I hold to the Monroe doctrine, which opposes the interference of other nations.

We do not need to feel that England has any military advantage of us with all her possessions. It would not disturb us if she decided to make war upon us. We are strong enough in that, not only to fight, but to look with contempt on any effort to subvert us in that line. We might suffer some loss in New York and other harbors in a struggle of that character, but we would make those responsible pay dearly for it in other quarters. Our interest in other countries should not be for the mere selfish object of gain either, but to carry to the people of the world the products of civilization which we produce in such great store. England sees further than we do by doing this, and we should awake to the fact that we and no one else should be the protectors of our neighboring countries.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS. as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disorder, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It is a preventive by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers acting directly on the various surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

J. C. CANNON & Co., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75 cents.

B. Rogers, foreman of a switching crew of the P. & E. U. at Peoria, was fatally hurt in the Peoria yards Thursday. He was aged 46.

A Household Treasure.
D. W. Fuller, of Conjoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house, and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it if he were a sailor. G. A. Dykeman, druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy; that he has used it in his family for eight years, and it never failed to do all that it claimed for. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested? Trial bottles free at King & Metcalf's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

Dr. Wirt's Little Early Risers for biliousness, indigestion, constipation. A small pill, a prompt cure. Wirt's drug store.

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Administrator's Notice.
Estate of Hugh Mitchell, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Hugh Mitchell, deceased, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 15th day of December, 1905.
WILLIAM MITCHELL, Administrator.

Administrator's Notice.
Estate of John Murphy, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of John Murphy, deceased, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 15th day of December, 1905.
W. H. ELWOOD, Administrator.

Administrator's Notice.
Estate of Jacob K. Harry, Deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Jacob K. Harry, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 20th day of November, 1905.
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Sept. 5, 1904

WABASH EXCURSIONS.
The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

Wabash Excursion to Michigan, Wisconsin, Arkansas and Missouri. The trip will be made by the "Great Northern" route, leaving Decatur, Ill., on Monday, January 1, 1906, and returning on Monday, January 8, 1906. The trip will include a visit to the "Great Northern" route, leaving Decatur, Ill., on Monday, January 1, 1906, and returning on Monday, January 8, 1906. The trip will include a visit to the "Great Northern" route, leaving Decatur, Ill., on Monday, January 1, 1906, and returning on Monday, January 8, 1906.

The Last Opportunity.
To visit Atlanta and see the Cotton States and International Exposition will be offered by the P. D. & E. Railway, Dec. 20th at the very low rate of one cent per mile with return limit of 30 days. This should enable all who desire to take this trip and have not time to go, to go for the last opportunity. For full particulars call on nearest P. D. & E. ticket agent or address A. G. Palmer, G. A. P. D. & E. Ry., Kansas City, Mo.

Holiday Excursion.
For the holidays the P. D. & E. will sell round trip excursion tickets at rate of one cent and a third from all stations to points on the P. D. & E. Ry. Also to points on connecting lines. For full particulars call on nearest P. D. & E. ticket agent or address A. G. Palmer, G. A. P. D. & E. Ry., Kansas City, Mo.

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Ripple back, English box front. Best quality heavier. Fine Kersey, Best Scotch wool cloth and Boucle cloth. Lined throughout. Worth \$20, \$22.50 and \$25. All reduced to **\$15.00** EACH.

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MONDAY, DEC. 23, 1895.

FASHIONS IN FOOD.

How the Rise of the Sandwich Affects the Bread-and-Butter Plate.

It sounds quite absurd to hear about fashions in bread and butter, but it is true that they exist. No sooner had we adopted the de-lightfully tidy and convenient bread-and-butter plate and our maids had become trained to their use than it was announced that they had gone out of fashion. There was no reason given for this change, and we wondered in what way the wisdom of it. How could we ever do without the little piece of china serving as a crumb holder, and doing away with the vulgar practice of sweeping off the crumbs, which generally fall into one's lap while the servant's elbow intruded upon one's head or shoulder? The small boy discovered why the bread-and-butter plate was put aside. His beloved sandwich had been enthroned, and he now revels in his very heart's desire. Sandwiches are the fashion. Whether it be pure love of variety or a sudden spasm of dietetic good sense that has made this very sensible and wholesome edible the proper thing makes no difference. Real value is attached to their elevation, and while we shall not give up the pretty little plate for breakfast rolls and muffins, we heartily hail the sandwich, prepared in the kitchen and served to us in ways galore.

At a recent formal luncheon, when ten courses made the repast more of a dinner than a light meal, several different kinds of sandwiches were served. Oysters were accompanied by tiny squares of thin brown bread. Froth had cracker sandwiches, fish had triangles of white bread, chops had white bread spread with anchovy paste, birds were served with jelly sandwiches, entrees with crackers so thin, and held together with a pickle paste, that they almost broke in one's fingers, and salad was accompanied by mayonnaise sandwiches. Of course, under such service, the bread-and-butter plate has no place. Each plate of sandwiches was so daintily prepared that one marveled at the cook's skill. Each kind exactly fitted the special course in flavor and taste, and simplified the serving as well as the menu. It is no longer "good form" to overserve your guests. The lavish display and waste of food generally accompanying a formal meal is considered vulgar, and there should now be no more than a guest can comfortably consume. The sandwich fills a want, for it simplifies and yet adds a flavor, or, rather, a condiment, otherwise impossible to introduce. What goes between the bread or cracker is the vital point. Everything from ham to jam, a condiment or pickle, sauce or paste, is used, suiting the kind to the course. For children's lunches or dinners they are invaluable, because it is possible to get them to eat in this way what they would not touch if spread upon a plate. A sandwich invariably appeals to a child's taste, and from a dietetic point it is as good a way to serve a meal to a child as can be found. Whole wheat bread, brown bread and graham bread can be made so appetizing by being cut thin and spread with honey or jam or chopped tongue or ham or other palatable meats that almost any child can be coaxed in this way to eat this nutritious and actual staff of life.—N. Y. Sun.

Coughing irritates the delicate organs and aggravates the inflammation of waiting, try One Minute Cough Cure. It helps at once, making expectoration easy, reduces the soreness and inflammation. Every one likes it. West's drug store.

LINCOLN'S new electric light company will be incorporated for \$100,000, with the following officers: C. H. Hart, president; J. St. Corney, vice-president; A. S. Caldwell, secretary; E. E. Wodetzki, treasurer.

J. P. GILBERT, of Elkhart, sold thirty prime Shortborns in Chicago on Tuesday, averaging 1413 pounds, at \$3.25. Col. Jody also sold some fancy yearlings at \$5.50.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Operative, tissue Block, ground floor, Jan 23-d-t

PERSONAL MENTION.

C. M. Powers has returned from Chicago.

Dr. Bachman, of Maroa, spent Sunday in Decatur.

F. P. Roddy is convalescent after a severe illness.

Hon. B. K. Duffee has returned from New York City.

R. J. Williams is very sick at his home 836 North Main street.

W. A. Devore and family, of Danville, are in the city on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Robertson will spend Xmas at Mattoon.

Mrs. Oscar Danzeisen is quite sick at her home on West Wood street.

Mrs. George Stanton of Chicago, is in the city visiting Mrs. Albert Barnes.

Miss Jane Cummings, of Carbon, Ind., is in the city visiting Miss Marie Dougherty.

Miss Cleo Hartley goes to Pittsburg, Pa., to spend her vacation the day after Christmas.

J. S. Galvin left Sunday for Detroit, Mich., where he will visit during the holidays.

Mrs. W. O. McNabb left to-day for Chicago, where she will spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. W. F. Whitmer and two children have gone to Indianapolis to visit friends during the holidays.

Charles T. Kellam, of the Macon county Abstract office, has gone to Ohio to spend the holidays.

Mrs. John A. Reeve and daughter, Miss Ella, left to-day for Cairo where they will visit friends.

Mrs. H. F. May returned home last night from St. Louis where she had been visiting for the past week.

Miss Amanda Taylor of Peoria, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Wadell, 1174 West Macon street.

O. B. Gorin is in Chicago on a business trip. He will return home Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

Fred Stoner arrived home Saturday from Nashville, Tenn., where he has been attending a medical college.

Miss Anna Walston, who attends the Pratt Institute at Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived home to-day for the holidays.

Mrs. Compson, of Los Angeles, Cal., who has been in the city visiting Mr. A. L. Lytle, left to-day for Paris, Ill.

William Herbert and Isaac Peepers, of Macon, were called to Decatur to-day to serve as jurors in the county court.

Will Chenoweth, who attends the Medical College of Ohio, at Cincinnati, is in the city to remain during the holidays.

Miss Ollie Cox left Saturday afternoon for San Antonio, Tex., where her parents now live and will make her home there.

Miss Marguerite Pratt will arrive in the city Thursday from Chicago to visit relatives and friends during the holiday season.

Rev. M. C. Ely, pastor of the Broadway Baptist church, has been called to Indianapolis on account of the sickness of his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Howard and daughter, Miss Beatrice, left to-day for Toronto, Canada, where they will spend Xmas with relatives.

Mrs. Jane Snider and grandson, Frank Dorman, of Centralia, are visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Gaddis, at 1804 North Church street.

Edwin Dinges, who attends the medical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, has returned home for the Christmas vacation.

Bert Hartley, of Chriaman, and Jesse Foster and wife, of Argenta, have been the guests of Miss Cleo Hartley for the past few days.

Frank J. Hodgins and brother, A. C. Hodgins, left to-day for Detroit, Mich., being called there by the alarming illness of their mother.

Reeves Scruggs, who attends the Western Military academy at Alton, arrived home Saturday night to visit during the Christmas holidays.

Ed Wilson, who attends the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, came home Saturday night to spend the holidays with his mother.

Miss Aileen Laux, who attends school at St. Louis, and her sister, Miss Josephine, who has been visiting in that city for several days, came home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Handy, of West Bay City, Mich., are in Decatur to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kramer, at their home on North Main street.

L. W. Cook, of the Advance Thresher company, left yesterday afternoon for Atlanta, Ga., and before returning will enjoy a three weeks' trip through the southern states.

Dr. Jameson, of the Corrodan Medicine Co., will go to Springfield to-morrow to celebrate Christmas with his parents. Mrs. Jameson and daughter, Helen, are now visiting in Springfield.

Conductor Charley Conklin, of the Wabash, spent to-day in Decatur visiting his parents, Mayor and Mrs. D. H. Conklin. Charley has a model for the solution of the water pressure question in Decatur. It is an old style system, but if rightly applied it will certainly do the work at small cost. Every alderman should see the model.

James Hatfield has returned home from McCook, Neb., where he has been for the last two months, looking after the interests of the Hatfield ranch. There was a snow storm in Nebraska when he left the state and he says that through Missouri they have had a great deal more rain than in Illinois. Parts of the state are submerged and the rivers are rising at a rapid rate. Mr. Hatfield says that the farmers in Nebraska had fair crops this year but the corn is not as good as in this state.

Post K. Meeting. All members of Post K., T. P. A., are requested to meet TO-NIGHT, Dec. 23, at the St. Nicholas hotel to make arrangements to attend the funeral of Brother Stutzemberger which will occur at 4 p. m. Dec. 24. The notice on another page calling the meeting for Tuesday night is incorrect. It could not be recalled in time. Be present at the meeting TO-NIGHT at the hotel.

WIRE—Here's an account of a man who shot himself rather than suffer the pangs of indigestion. Huebner—The fellow who didn't like the White Little Early Biscuits I used to suffer as bad as he did before I commenced taking these little pills. West's drug store.

A. JACKSON, a prominent citizen of Danville, died on Friday, aged 58.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

—Capt. J. W. Luke, Iowa state railroad commissioner died at Hampton, Saturday.

—It is believed in diplomatic circles in London that Ambassador Bayard's resignation will soon be announced.

—On Saturday the associated banks of New York city held \$17,083,800 in excess of the requirements of the 25-per-cent rule.

—At the American embassy in London there is deep gloom because President Cleveland has severely rebuked Ambassador Bayard.

—On Saturday the president approved the bill appropriating \$100,000 for the expenses of a committee to inquire into the Venezuelan boundary matter.

—Mrs. Selma Smith was granted a divorce and alimony, the latter to be announced to-day. Smith is the proprietor of the Eden Park farm, near Tuscola, Ill.

—Mrs. Mary Webber, wife of James Webber, a farmer near Brazil, Ind., was fatally hurt by falling astride the back of a chair from a stepladder from which she was hanging a picture.

—Two persons were killed and seven injured, Saturday morning, in a collision between two freight trains on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, at Frankfort, a suburb at Philadelphia.

—According to St. Louis rivermen who have spent their lives on the Father of Waters, the recent rise in the Mississippi river was the most rapid ever known, the record being about sixteen feet in 24 hours.

—The weekly statement of the New York city associated banks issued Saturday showed the following changes: Reserve, decrease, \$1,502,525; loans, decrease, \$3,334,300; specie, increase, \$300,700; legal tenders, decrease, \$3,104,000; deposits, increase, \$7,764,700; circulation, decrease, \$17,800.

—For the heroism displayed at the time of the Indian outbreak at the Pine Ridge agency, in 1890, Miss Emma C. Sickles has been awarded the gold medal of the Saviour society, of France. The Saviour's medal is only awarded to persons who distinguish themselves by conspicuous deeds of courage.

—On Saturday the secretary of the interior drew upon the secretary of the treasury for \$10,275,000 to pay pensions for the next quarter, the amount to be distributed at pension agencies as follows: Buffalo, N. Y., \$1,000,000; Chicago, \$2,775,000; Concord, N. H., \$750,000; Des Moines, Ia., \$2,000,000; Milwaukee, \$1,750,000; Pittsburgh, \$1,600,000.

"HERE AM I, LORD, SEND ME."

An Army of Willing Workers Ready to Enter the Service of the Red Cross.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—No many applications for accompanying the Red Cross on the proposed Armenian relief expedition are coming from nurses, doctors and people of all other vocations, and of all nationalities, nearly that the following general reply has been prepared: "The American National Red Cross begs to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed communication on the subject of the undertaking to distribute relief in Armenia, and your kind offer of services in the work."

"In the beginning I must apologize for this informal and general mode of replying to a communication which deserves a special and personal response; but I trust that a short statement of the circumstances will be sufficient excuse for this method of reply."

"Since the first intimation of the probability that this organization would be asked to undertake the great and complicated work of delivering America's generosity to the destitute Turkish subjects, offers of service have poured in upon us from all parts of the country and in such numbers that it has become an utter impossibility to give each one separate acknowledgment and consideration; hence the actual necessity of preparing this circular answer."

"At the present time it is not possible to definitely judge of the number of assistants that may be required, nor of the character of help that will be needed. The Red Cross having performed active field service in a dozen great disasters, has drawn into its ranks a staff of faithful and diligent helpers upon whom it can call at a day's notice, and that staff, for the present, seems self-sufficient."

"Your kind offer has, however, been duly placed on file, and should later developments call for an increase of the staff, it will give us much pleasure to consider your letter further. In the meantime in the midst of the labors of preparation and voluminous correspondence I can only thank you in behalf of the Red Cross for your sympathy, good words and self-offering offer of help."

"Faithfully yours, CLARA BARRON, President American Red Cross."

The Presbyterians of Shively cleared \$150 by their church fair last week.

A BLOOD-RED LAKE.

Peculiarity Manifested by a Sheet of Water in Switzerland.

Lake Morat, in Switzerland, has a queer habit of turning red about two or three times every ten years. It is a pretty lake, like most of the sheets of water in that picturesque country, and its peculiar freak is attributed to a disposition to celebrate the slaughter of the Burgundians under Charles the Bold on June 21, 1476. But the French say it blushes for the conduct of the Swiss, who in that battle gave the Burgundians no quarter. This year it was redder than ever, and had a sinister appearance when the setting sun illuminated its waves.

This phenomenon, of course, has its legend. The old fishermen of the lake, who catch enormous fish called silures that weigh between 25 and 40 kilograms, say when they see the waters of the lake reddening that it is the blood of the Burgundians. As a matter of fact, some of the bodies of the Burgundians killed in the battle were thrown into the lake, while others were tossed into a grave filled with quicklime. This historical recollection angered the Burgundian soldiers of the victorious armies of the republic in 1793 so much that they destroyed the monument raised in honor of their compatriots who fell heroically in that battle, and Henri Martin very justly reproached them for that piece of vandalism.

It would hardly do to attribute the reddening of the waters of the lake to the blood of the soldiers of Charles the Bold. The coloring is due simply to the presence in large quantities of little aquatic plants called by naturalists *oscillatoria rubescens*. The curious thing about it is that Lake Morat is the only lake in which this curious growth is developed, and this peculiarity is beginning to interest scientific men.

Thread from Crystals.

The making of the famous quartz fibres invented by Prof. C. V. Boys several years ago, is a very curious process. Quartz crystals, which many a country boy living in regions where they are found, has fancied to be diamonds, are melted with a blowpipe and drawn out into a thread with the aid of an arrow. One crystal is fastened to the arrow while another is fixed in the flame. The two are fused together, and at the proper moment the arrow is released and darts away into a fixed target, drawing the melted quartz into a thread the length and size of which can easily be regulated. The threads are very tough, strong and elastic. They can be made so fine as to be invisible not only to the naked eye, but even with a microscope. They are used in instruments where a completely elastic filament is required.

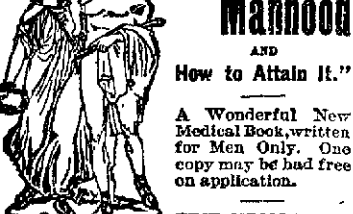
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He also wants everybody to come early and avoid the great rush in the afternoon.

Toys.

Hobby Horses, 27 inches high, 85c. Shoo Fly Rocking Horses, 75c. Dolls, kid body, 12 inches high, 19c. Dolls, kid body, 12 inches high, eyes open and close, 25c. Doll Cradles, 75c. Doll Beds, 98c. Doll Tables, 49c. Doll Carriages, 85c. Children's Blackboards, 75c. Games, 25c.

Books.

Extra fine selected line of books. Santa Claus has made a big cut in the prices. Books at 5, 9, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 50c.

Metal Picture Frames.

87 dozen fine frames at 5c each. 110 dozen extra fine frames at 10c each. 227 dozen, this is an extra choice lot. Our great stock is placed on a counter next to door. Some have sold as high as \$1; at 25c.

Ornaments.

82 dozen bisque ornaments at 19c. 10 dozen bisque figures at 25c.

Hats and Ribbons.

Choice of any sailor in our store, 25c. Choice of any untrimmed hat, 25c. Choice of any Misses' trimmed hats, 25c.

Ribbons! Ribbons!

All our first grade ribbons. Prices just cut in two. All silk ribbons 3, 5, 7, 9 and 12 1/2 c a yard.

Good Presents.

Wool Fascinators at 29c. Over Gaiters at 35c. Boys' Corduroy and Velvet Leggings at 69c.

Ladies' Fine Sateen Skirts at 98c. Our line of fine silk Collars have been cut below one-half.

Useful Presents---Cloaks.

875 cloaks at 5.98, 6.98 and 7.98. 375 children's Cloaks at 1.49, 1.98 2.50 and \$2.98.

Furs.

Muffs and Boas at \$1.96 a set. Muffs, 75c each. Brown and black Martin Fur Capes; greatest bargain ever offered; formerly sold at 50 and \$60, at \$25.

Wool Seal Capes, formerly sold at \$65, at \$39. Neck Boas and Collars at 2.98, 3.98 and \$5.98.

Dress Goods.

37 pieces fancy Plaids at 9c a yard. 15 pieces fancy Plaids at 25c a yard. 8 pieces Novelty goods, worth 60c, at 35c a yard.

Another sale of ready made Dresses at half price. 32 ladies' ready made Dresses at \$3.50 a suit.

15 pieces all wool Serge, black and navy, at 29c a yard.

100 Dress Patterns, each contains material for full dress at \$3.98 a pattern.

Umbrellas and Handkerchiefs.

580 Umbrellas, both ladies' and men's. One lot ladies', 26-inch, at 98c, 1.25, 1.75 and \$1.98. One lot men's, 28-inch, at 98c, 1.25, 1.75 and \$1.98. One lot men's, extra fine, at \$2.98. Handkerchiefs 3, 5, 9, 12 1/2, 15, 19 and 25c. Both men's and ladies' greatest handkerchief sale on record.

Hosiery and Underwear.

Men's, children's, misses' and ladies'. Men's 29, 39, 49 and 75c. Ladies' 15, 19, 25 and 49c. Hosiery at greatly reduced prices.

Men's Furnishings.

Special sale in gloves, suspenders, hose, ties, etc.

Ladies' Gloves.

Immense line of holiday Gloves at prices 50 per cent. less than last year. Assortment complete. Ladies' fine kid gloves at 69c.

Perfumery, Jewelry and Purses.

Extracts of all kinds. Fancy bottles 25, 39 and 50c. Fancy soaps in fancy boxes. Ladies' purses and hand bags. Purses 25, 35, 50, 75 and 98c. Hand bags 35, 50, 75c and \$1. Card cases of all kinds. Jewelry in endless variety.

Silks.

Splendid present is a fine black silk dress and we are offering them; black dress pattern, \$12. Black satin dress pattern, \$12. Black and colored silk dress patterns, 9, 12.50, 15 and \$20. Silk waist patterns, 2.98 and \$3.49.

Linens.

15 fine Silkoline Comforts, home made, large size, worth \$3.50, this week \$1.98 each.

Robes,

10 fine plush Lap Robes, beautiful figures, your choice of the lot \$3.49 each.

50 dozen fine satin damask Towels, knotted fringe, 25 by 52 inches. Plain, white or colored border, special price 25c each.

2 cases crochet Bed Spreads, extra size and weight; special price, 49c each. One lot art Table Covers. Painted and embroidered; warranted fast colors. Our special price, 89c each.

Blankets,

50 pair fine wool Bed Blankets, white or sanitary, all at \$2.75 a pair. 40 pair all wool 11-4 Blankets, white only, this week \$3.49 a pair. 20 pair fine California white Blankets, pellicate borders, worth \$10, our special price \$6 a pair.

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In our new store, 355 North ter Street, in the Temple block Feb. 1st, with a complete new

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Our Black Diamond

We will offer

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Of the Follo Makes:—

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For \$3

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Presents For Christmas.

Coat at \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50. 50c Mufflers at 75c, \$1, \$1.50. Ladies' Fascinators at 50c, 75c, \$1. Handkerchiefs at 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 25c. Pocket Books 25, 50, 75c, \$1. Napkins at 50, 75c, \$1, \$1.50. Umbrellas at \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50. Mackintoshes at \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5. Ladies' Cloaks at \$5, \$7.50, \$10, \$15. Ladies' Capes at \$5, \$7.50, \$10, \$15. Fur Capes at \$5, \$7.50, \$10, \$15. Children's Coats at \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.

COME TO OUR STORE AND BUY SOME USEFUL PRESENT.

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TRY * * ALFRED DOLGE'S Felt House Shoes.

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LOOKING FOR A FORTUNE

Woman Nearly 100 Years Old
Seeks Twenty Millions.

Alone, and with Little Money. She Is
Traveling from Atlanta to Germany
to Claim Her Part of a
Vast Estate.

Miss Cornelia L. Siebels, who within
a few years will have the proud distinc-
tion of being a centenarian, is stopping
at the Copenhagen hotel in Rector
street, New York, waiting for a steamer
to Germany. Unaided and alone she
started from Atlanta to claim what she
believes is her share of a fortune of
\$20,000,000.

When the Yorktown of the Old Do-
minion line reached her berth at the
foot of Beach street the other night,
Miss Siebels stood on the deck with a
bundle clutched tightly under her arm
waiting to go ashore. She told Capt.
Dole that she had no time to waste in
this city and wanted to board a steamer
for Germany that night.

He persuaded her to stay aboard the
Yorktown, and the next morning she
was up early and walked down to a
steamerboat office in Bowling Green,
where she engaged her passage. Then
she sought out an immigrants' hotel,
for, although her journey is not half
accomplished, she has but a few dollars
left.

"How old are you, Miss Siebels?" she
was asked.
"Some folks say I'm 100, but I'm not.
It won't be many years yet before I am,
though. I am close on to 90 now."

"When I left home in Atlanta I told
the folks that I was going to get part
of that 20,000,000. And I'm going to get
it, too," she added, with a determined
nod of her head.

"They all said: 'You're foolish, Aunt
Cornelia, because maybe there ain't any
money over there at all,' but I said that
I was on heirless and wasn't going to be
fooled out of my money by these smart
lawyers. I went to Norfolk by rail and
there took the Yorktown."

"Well, the people aboard that ship
were mighty curious about the money
I am going to get, but I wouldn't tell
them the name of the relative who left
it or where he lived. I didn't let the bun-
dle of papers showing who I am go out
of my sight, because some one might
steal them and try to make believe they
were me. I never was north here be-



MISS C. L. SIEBELS.
Nearly 100 years old, and with lit-
tle money, yet is traveling from Atlanta
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is her share of a fortune of \$20,000,000.

fore, but I always heard that you north-
erners were mighty sharp people, and
I'm taking no chances."

"She caused a great deal of amuse-
ment aboard ship by imagining that
everyone from the captain down to the
steward was trying to get her papers
away from her. She had no money to
pay for meals, but that did not worry
her in the least. She said that down
south she had never been refused a
meal, and she wasn't going without
eating now."

"She claimed to be a cousin of the late
Judge L. Q. C. Larnar. She has made
great plans what to do with that \$20-
000,000."

ALL THE WORLD

Known Pillsbury's five great flour
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THE FACT THAT PILLSBURY'S
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Ten per cent discount on all
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BARGAIN COLUMN.

For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, Etc.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may
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Room 50 Arcade Building. Dec 21-22

WANTED.—You to call at 249 E. Main if you
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WANTED.—30 men to take advantage of the
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118 Merchants street. 25 cent discount
on all purchases made between Dec 21 and
Dec 25. Dec 21-22

WANTED.—The public to know that Archie
Ward has moved his hat shop to 118
Merchants street. West Side Lincoln square. Drop in
and have your rough board removed. Dec 21-22

WANTED.—100 ladies to visit Madame Shin-
ner and get her prices before having their
hair and make-up done. Style, fit and work-
manship guaranteed. The country's best
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vator to fourth floor. Dec 21-22

WANTED.—The people to know that they can
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